

# Town of Magnolia

**Mayor James Frazier**

**302-335-5891**

Mayor James Frazier called the January 11, 2016 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Scott Fowler, Shawn Ramsey and Michael Cohill were present. Robert Faircloth was not present. Ralph Satterfield was present. Diane Cahall was not present; Victoria Frazier took the meeting notes.

Mayor Frazier requested an addition to the published agenda with regard to a resolution regarding Kent County Emergency planning. The agenda was approved with this addition.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with one clarification on the \$159,000,000 figure quoted in the next to the last paragraph. The minutes were approved by Mayor Frazier and seconded by Mike Cohill - Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was provided by Diane Cahall and distributed to members. Members were given time to read over this report. Motion to pay the bills was made by Mike Cohill and seconded by Shawn Ramsey.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Town and School flushed (normal). Signal light work nearing completion. Christmas lights removed and stored. Reviewed new emergency and electrical problems with Scott and Dave Thompson. Reviewed low water pressure and sewer problems with new owners of the Lindale property.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,370,000 gallons of water during December 2015. Pump 2: 637,000 gallons. Pump 3: 733,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25', and 30'. Pump 2 ran 44.2 hours, Pump 3 ran 44.7 hours. Average chlorine is .244. There was discussion which was brought up by Scott regarding the water softener unit. It may need to be replaced. He will update council later on this situation.

There was discussion regarding the continuing use of fluoride in the town water supply. Scott will question the continuing use of fluoride with the DE Office of Drinking Water (ODW). The color coded painting for the hydrants is pending. This will be addressed at next month's meeting.

Scott presented a handout entitled "Wastewater and Drinking Water Asset Management Incentive Program - Guidelines and Application" forwarded to us by DNREC. This grant is available with no match funding to do an infrastructure advisory report. This is free to the town and Cabe Associates will generate data about our water system. Preliminary contact was made to the town six years ago but not acted upon. Application is partially filled out for Mayor Frazier to sign. The town's GIS license would be available through this grant, but Scott is not sure we would need such. A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of this program. It must be submitted by January 29 to be approved. A motion was made by Mike Cohill and seconded by

Shawn Ramsey to give Mayor Frazier discretion to sign off on this after his review as the time limit is approaching.

Henry from Aztech called last Monday to schedule one service line on North Main and a curb stop at Town Hall.

New Business:

a. Council Seat:

Robert Faircloth is interested in stepping down from town council. Mayor Frazier asked the council members to think about other town residents to fill Mr. Faircloth's seat. Bud will remain on until replacement is found.

b. Police Duty:

The bill for special police duty for November (8 hours) was \$702.00. The town budget for police duty for a year is only \$2000.00. A discussion ensued about this cost, versus the returned portion of the traffic fines, which is less than half of the duty cost over the last 18 months. Mr. Ramsey stated that the speed limit signs have greatly reduced the speed of traffic from his end of town, as have the other 3 signs. Mr. Fowler suggested that a letter could be written to the Delaware State Police Troop 3 to suspend special duty coverage indefinitely. Mr. Cohill made a motion to dispense with this special duty for the time being. Mayor Frazier seconded the motion. Mayor Frazier will contact Troop 3 accordingly.

Old Business:

a. CTF Sidewalk Grant

Nothing new was reported.

b. Generator Grant

Nothing new was reported.

c. Ordinance Review

A decision was made to incorporate suggested changes thus far and submit them to the town's attorney for his comments.

d. Truck Traffic

Mayor Frazier is still pursuing arrangements for the traffic analysis survey.

Mayor's Updates:

a. Kent County Emergency Planning

A resolution to approve the new Kent County Hazardous Mitigation Plan was presented and approved by council.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Cohill and seconded by Shawn Ramsey; Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Frazier (for Diane Cahall)